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1. Loukis Akritas, until recently Secretary General of EPEK, has been "demoted" to Secretary of the EPEK Executive Committee; according to source, General Nicholas Plastiras stated that Akritas had acted like a "spoiled child," and had intervened in party policies to an extent where he (Akritas) appeared to have replaced Plastiras in authority. Complaints by EPEK members concerning the conduct of Akritas compelled Plastiras to limit Akritas' privileges so as to place him on a level with other EPEK deputies.
2. On the matter of EPEK cooperation with the Liberal Party in the formation of a government, Plastiras is reported to have said that he and Sophocles Venizelos were in complete accord, and that he believed Venizelos would be "completely honest" in their dealings. Plastiras reportedly added that his government (which he believes will be supported by the United States) will be a successful one, particularly in view of the assistance it will gain from the cooperation of Kyriakos Varvaressos in the economic program.
3. Concerning the leniency measures which EPEK plans to put into effect, Plastiras expects the country "to quiet down"; however, should an attempt be made by anyone "to disturb the tranquil evolution" of the political situation, or to raise himself above the law, it will be crushed by the Government, regardless of who may have originated the attempt.
4. General Plastiras also stated that he was not worried by Greek Rally Party "obstructionist" tactics, and that the new government will allow the Greek Rally newspapers to publish whatever they wish; however, the Greek Rally will not be permitted to engage in any activity which might threaten the regime or the country's parliamentary form of government. Any decision on the part of Greek Rally to act with force will result in the Greek Rally's being "crushed in twenty-four hours" by the government.
5. In the matter of new elections, the EPEK leader will accept new elections only if there is no other available solution.

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